

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A gift certificate issuing system comprising:

a display unit for displaying a screen used for inputting data required for issuance of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the gift certificate for redemption;

an input unit for inputting data based on the screen displayed by the display unit;

a storage unit for storing the data inputted into the input unit in association with a specific code and a payment method; and

an issuing unit for issuing the gift certificate comprising the specific code without an indication of a face value of the gift certificate.

5. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate issuing system according to claim 4, further comprising a database that stores payment information.

6. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate issuing system according to claim 4, wherein the data further includes a password input in using the gift certificate.

7. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate issuing system according to claim 4, wherein the storage unit stores the specific code.

8. (Original) A gift certificate issuing system according to claim 4, wherein the issuing unit enters a using condition in the gift certificate.

9. (Currently Amended) A gift certificate using system comprising:

a display unit for displaying a screen used for inputting data required for use of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the gift certificate for redemption;

an input unit for inputting the data based on the screen displayed by the display unit;

a storage unit for storing the data inputted into the input unit; and

a paying unit for executing a comparison using the using condition stored in the storage unit and then executing a predetermined processing based on a result of the comparison.

10. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate using system according to claim 9, wherein the data includes a password.

11. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate using system according to claim 9, wherein the data is displayed in a question form on the second display unit.

12. (Original) A gift certificate using system according to claim 9, wherein the processing executed by the paying unit includes at least one of a predetermined paying processing and an invalidating processing of the gift certificate.

13. (Currently Amended) A gift certificate issuing method comprising the steps of:

displaying a screen used for inputting data required for issuance of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the certificate for redemption;

receiving an input of the data based on the displayed screen;

storing the input data in association with a specific code and payment method; and

issuing the gift certificate comprising the specific code without an indication of a face value of the gift certificate.

14. (Currently Amended) A gift certificate using method comprising the steps of:

displaying a screen used for inputting data required for use of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the gift certificate for redemption;

receiving an input of the data based on the screen;

storing the input data; and

executing a comparison using the stored data and then executing a predetermined processing based on a result of the comparison.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program tangibly embodied on a computer-readable medium for executing the steps of:

displaying a screen used for inputting data required for issuance of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the gift certificate for redemption;

receiving an input of the data based on the displayed screen;

storing the input data in association with a specific code and a payment method; and

issuing the gift certificate comprising the specific code without an indication of a face value of the gift certificate.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program tangibly embodied on a computer-readable medium for executing the steps of:

displaying a screen used for inputting data required for use of a gift certificate, the data comprising a using condition that specifies whether the gift certificate may be redeemed for an item selected by a redeemer of the gift certificate prior to presenting the gift certificate for redemption;

receiving an input of the data based on the screen;

storing the input data; and

executing a comparison using the stored using condition and then executing a predetermined processing based on a result of the comparison.

17. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate issuing system according to claim 6, wherein the data further includes the payment method of the gift certificate.

18. (Previously Presented) A gift certificate using system according to claim 10, wherein the data further includes at least one of a specific code entered in the gift certificate and information about a desired commodity.